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thinks this is important that a law will not...a federal law will not be passed requiring the wearing of headgear and establishing a uniform penalty for non-wearing of headgear?

SENATOR KOCH: I suspect, Senator Chambers, if you are asking my opinion, and I can't read the minds of those that legislate in D.C., but I suspect it is like some of us here who will not assume their moral obligations and the responsibility for the safety of people if they feel there is some backlash.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Koch. That's why I wanted us to handle that bill of mine this morning instead of passing it off to somebody else. But he has hit a nail on the head. If what he has said is his true opinion, Washington does not really believe in this. Washington does not really believe in this. If helmets must be worn, where will they come from? When you are a small child they can make you believe that a tooth fairy gives you money, if you put a tooth under the pillow after it comes out of your head, but there are no tooth fairies who are going to make and manufacture these helmets. Can you pop a finger, jump up into the air and spin around three times and produce a helmet out of that? No. Somebody is going to manufacture these helmets. When it is manufactured, they are going to be distributed. Not free. The federal government is not going to give you a helmet free, if your state passes this bill. The state Legislature is not going to pass out these helmets free. You are going to go to a person who sells these things and buy one. Now who would be interested in somebody buying a helmet? The one who sells it. Money talks in Washington like it talks here. Perhaps there are people who manufacture helmets who have talked to some of the people in Washington and said, "If you can make everybody have to wear a helmet, look how many helmets we will sell." And whoever he was talking to will say, "Well, I will be. That is certainly right but what's in it for me. I don't ride a motorcycle and you can't give me a free helmet." He says, "Stick your right hand out and look to the left." He says, "Why should I do that?" He says, "Then your left hand doesn't know what your right hand has done and it is just between you and me." Money does exchange hands. I feel that if the government thought this was a valid provision, they have passed federal laws requiring other things with reference to safety, let there be a federal statute. Then we know what the law of the land is uniformly throughout this country. When large states like California can thumb their nose at the federal government, I am not saying that Nebraska should thumb their nose at the federal government but it should at least take cognizance of the fact that because of its small size and perhaps because of certain ineffective representation in Washington, the feeling exists that Nebraska can become a football and maybe that is appropriate because Nebraska is known, primarily, for football, not for statesmanship, not for courage, not for diplomacy but for people making statements that mediocrity is the top recommendation for a person sitting on the Supreme Court. With that kind of thing coming out of this state and that being what the state is known for, you can see why they would send somebody trotting down here from Washington and say, "Tell all those hayseeds and hicks out there that if they don't do what we tell them to do, then they are not going to get, and I quote Senator Lewis, these mysterious funds." Not everybody in here is a hayseed and a hick and